

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372 to elect a single disclosed group between: Group I, claims 1-3, drawn to a method; Group II, claims 4-8, drawn to a combination; Group III, claims 9-12, drawn to a subcombination; and Group IV, claim 13, drawn to a subcombination.


However, respectfully, it is impossible to respond to this restriction requirement. The Examiner has addressed only 13 claims **when there are 15 claims pending** in the application.

Moreover, while not admitting to the appropriateness of the restriction requirement, consistent claim groupings would comprises no more than three groups: Group I having claims 1-4; Group II having claims 5-10; and Group III having claims 11-15.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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